

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A work time recording method, in which user data are recorded by a data recording client, and are transmitted to a central unit via a first communication channel, a user being identified based on the user data by a user database, wherein:

the data recording client records biometric data and/or data on physical condition of the user by using an input unit of the data recording client, and transmits this data together with the user data via a first communication channel to the central unit;

the central unit compares the transmitted biometric data and/or data on physical condition with biometric data and/or data on physical condition of users stored in the user database, and a user is identified by the central unit, if the probability of a correspondence of the transmitted biometric data to defined stored biometric data lies above a threshold;

an additional identification of the user takes place by using a user code, which user code is generated by the central unit based on the identification of the user and transmitted biometric data, and is transmitted via a second communication channel to a mobile unit of the user, the user code being entered by the user via input elements of the data recording client;

with successful identification, at least one user status, assigned to a data record of the identified user, is modified and stored, based on time and/or place of recording of the user data; and

the data records of the user are transmitted to a remuneration recording module, and are evaluated and/or checked by the remuneration recording module.

22. (New) The work time recording method according to claim 21 wherein access to definable premises and/or use of definable devices is granted to the user by the central unit only with successful identification and authorization.

23. (New) The work time recording method according to claim 22 wherein captured and/or transmitted with the user data are additionally premise-specific and/or device-specific control data, access or use being granted the central unit in dependence upon the control data.

24. (New) The work time recording method according to claim 21 wherein the mobile unit comprises a mobile radio device and/or a PDA and/or a mobile node of a WLAN.

25. (New) The work time recording method according to claim 21 wherein the additional identification by the central unit by using the user code takes place only where a probability of a correspondence of the transmitted biometric data to defined stored biometric data lies below the threshold.

26. (New) The work time recording method according to claim 21 wherein after successful additional identification of the user through user code, new biometric data are captured by the input unit of the data recording client, and are stored, assigned to the user, in the database.

27. (New) The work time recording method according to claim 21 wherein different central units access the same database with the stored biometric data of

the user via a network, the database being adapted for identifying and/or authorizing the different central units and for transmitting and receiving data over the network.

28. (New) The work time recording method according to claim 21 wherein used as data recording client is a mobile node of a WLAN or a mobile radio device.

29. (New) A work time recording system, which comprises a data recording client to capture user data and to transmit the user data over a first communication channel to a central unit, a user being identifiable based on the user data by use of a user database, wherein:

biometric data and/or data on physical condition of the user, which are able to be captured by an input unit of the data recording client, are transmittable together with the user data;

the user database includes stored biometric data and/or data on physical condition of the user, by which a user is identifiable, if a probability of a correspondence of the transmitted biometric data to defined stored biometric data lies above a threshold;

the central unit includes means of generating a user code as well as a second communication channel for transmitting the user code to a mobile unit of the user, the user entering the user code via input elements of the data recording client;

with successful identification, at least one user status assigned to the data record is modifiable based on time and/or place of capture of the user data; and

the time recording system including a remuneration recording module to periodically evaluate and/or check data records of users.

30. (New) The work time recording system according to claim 29, further comprising access control modules to grant access to definable premises and/or use of definable devices to the user by the central unit only with successful identification and authorization.

31. (New) The work time recording system according to claim 30 wherein the user data additionally comprise premises-specific and/or device-specific control data, access and/or use being determinable by the central unit in dependence upon the control data.

32. (New) The work time recording system according to claim 29 wherein the mobile unit comprises a mobile radio device and/or a PDA and/or a mobile node of a WLAN.

33. (New) The work time recording system according to claim 29 wherein additional identification through user code by the central unit takes place only where the probability of a correspondence of the transmitted biometric data with defined stored biometric data lies below the threshold.

34. (New) The work time recording system according to claim 29 wherein after successful additional identification of the user through user code, new biometric data are able to be captured by the input unit of the data recording client, and are storable, assigned to the user, in the database.

35. (New) The work time recording system according to claim 29, further comprising means for bidirectional access to the database by different central units via at least one network, the database including means for identifying and/or authorizing the different central units and means for transmitting and receiving data over the network.

36. (New) The work time recording system according to claim 29 wherein the data recording client is integrated in a mobile node of a WLAN or a mobile radio device.